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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN RADICAL JAMAICAN MINISTER AND ACTION/PEACE CORPS

REF: A. KINGSTON 6329, B. KINGSTON 6327

1. REFTELS REPORT THAT HUGH SMALL, MINISTER OF YOUTH, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARRIVING WASHINGTON EVENING OCTOBER 28 FOR UNDETERMINED LENGTH OF STAY. WE HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY ADVISED ON REASON FOR HIS VISIT BUT BELIEVE HE MAY USE THE OCCASION TO CONSULT ON AN ACTION/PEACE CORPS PROJECT INVOLVING THE DESPATCH OF "BRIGADES" OF YOUNG AMERICANS FOR HIGH VISIBILITY PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPACT PROJECTS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT ACTION IS INTERESTED IN COOPERATION WITH JAMAICA'S PIONEER AND YOUTH CORPS PROGRAMS WHICH FALL UNDER SMALL'S MINISTERIAL JURISDICTION.

2. SETTING ASIDE THE ISSUE OF THE MERITS OF THE BRIGADE CONCEPT (OR OF SEEKING TO WORK WITH MARXIST-INDOCTRINATED PIONEER AND YOUTH CORPS), WE QUESTION THE WISDOM OF ANY USG AGENCY BECOMING CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH MINISTER SMALL

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IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR US PROGRAMS IN JAMAICA. SMALL, AN AVOWED MARXIST REVOLUTIONARY, IS THE MOST EXTREME OF THE SEVERAL REMAINING RADICALS IN THE JAMAICAN CABINET. WE HAVE STRONG EVIDENCE THAT PM MANLEY'S OWN CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO SMALL ARE SUCH THAT HE WANTS TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE CABINET IN THE NEAR FUTURE. COOPERATION WITH SMALL BY ANY AGENCY AT THIS TIME COULD

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STRENGTHEN SMALL'S POSITION AND MAKE HIS REMOVAL FROM THE GOVERNMENT MORE DIFFICULT.

3. URGE DEPARTMENT TO CHECK ON FOREGOING. ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE TOO LATE TO PREVENT ANY MEETINGS BETWEEN SMALL AND ACTION/PEACE CORPS OFFICIALS, IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PLACE ANY PLANNED FOLLOW-UP UNDER SCRUTINY TO INSURE IT SERVES OUR INTERESTS.

4. SEPARATE TOPEC MESSAGE SENT TODAY (KINGSTON 6361) MAKES CLEAR THAT PEACE CORPS HERE (AND EMBASSY) NOT BEING KEPT INFORMED ON EVOLUTION OF BRIGADE OR RELATED PROJECTS.
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